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THIS Morning arrived Capt. Campbell, of the 22d Regiment, from St. John's Newfoundland, being diſpatched by Lieutenant Colonel Amherſt with the following Letter to the Earl of Egremont.

St. John's Newfoundland, September 20, 1762.

My Lord,

ACCORDING to the Orders I received from Sir Jeffery Amherſt at New York, of which your Lordſhip will have been informed, I proceeded from New York to Halifax with the Tranſports, to take up there the Troops deſtined for the Expedition. I got into the Harbour the 26th of Auguſt; and finding Lord Colvill ſailed, determined to embark the Troops there, and at Louisbourg, as expeditiouſly as poſſible, and proceed after his Lordſhip.

The Men of War being ſailed, who were to have taken Part of the Troops on board, I was obliged to take up Shipping to the Amount of 400 Tons.

I had every Thing embarked, ready to ſail the 29th, but contrary Winds kept us in the Harbour till the 1ſt of September, when we got out, and arrived at Louisbourg on the 5th. The next Day the Troops were embarked, and we ſailed out of the Harbour the 7th in the Morning.

I had the good Fortune to join Lord Colvill's Fleet on the 11th, a few Leagues to the Southward of St. John's; and by the Intelligence his Lordſhip had received, I was obliged to change my Reſolution of Landing the Troops at Kitty Vitty, a narrow Entrance, cloſe to the Harbour of St. John's, the Enemy having entirely ſtopped up the Paſſage in, by ſinking Shallops in the Channel.

From the beſt Information I could get, it appeared that Torbay, about Three Leagues to the Northward of St. John's, was the only Place to land the Troops at, within that Diſtance.

Lord Colvill ſent the Syren Man of War into Torbay with the Tranſports; and it was late at Night on the 12th, before they all came to an Anchor. Capt. Douglas, of His Majeſty's Ship Syren, went with me to view the Bay, and we found a very good Beach to land on. It blew hard in the Night, and one of the Tranſports, with the Provincial Light Infantry Corps on board, was driven out to Sea.

I landed the Troops early the next Morning, at the Bottom of the Bay, from whence a Path led to St. John's: A Party of the Enemy fired ſome Shots at the Boats as they rowed in. The Light Infantry of the Regulars landed firſt, gave the Enemy one Fire, and drove them towards St. John's. The Battalions landed, and we marched on. The Path for Four Miles very narrow, through a thick Wood, and over very bad Ground.

Capt. M'Donell's Light Infantry Corps in Front came up with ſome of the Party we drove from the Landing Place: They had concealed themſelves in the Wood, fired upon us, and wounded Three Men. A Part of Capt. M'Donell's Corps ruſhed in upon them, took Three Priſoners, and drove the reſt off.

The Country opened afterwards, and we marched to the left of Kitty Vitty: It was neceſſary to take Poſſeſſion of this Paſs, to open a Communication for the Landing of Artillery and Stores, it being impracticable to get them up the Way we came.

As ſoon as our Right was cloſe to Kitty Vitty River, the Enemy fired upon us from a Hill on the oppoſite Side. I ſent a Party up a Rock, which commanded the Paſſage over, and under Cover of their Fire, the Light Infantry, Companies of the Royal and Montgomery's, ſupported by the Grenadiers of the Royal, paſſed, drove the Enemy up the Hill, and purſued them on that Side towards St. John's; when I perceived a Body of the Enemy coming to their Support, and immediately ordered over Major Sutherland, with the Remainder of the firſt Battalion, upon which they thought proper to Retreat, and we had juſt Time, before Dark, to take Poſt.

Captain Mackenzie, who commanded Montgomery's Light Infantry, was badly wounded. We took ten Priſoners. The Troops lay this Night on their Arms.

The next Morning, the 14th, we opened the Channel, where the Enemy had ſunk the Shallops: They had a Breaſt Work which commanded the Entrance, and a Battery not quite finiſhed.

Lieutenant Colonel Tullikin, who had met with an Accident by a Fall, and was left on Board, joined me this Day; and Captain Ferguſon commanding the Artillery, brought round ſome light Artillery and Stores from Torbay, in the Shallops.

The Enemy had Poſſeſſion of two very high and ſteep Hills, one in the Front of our advanced Poſts, and the other nearer to St. John's, which two Hills appeared to command the whole Ground from Kitty Vitty to St. John's. It was neceſſary that we ſhould proceed on this Side, to ſecure at the ſame Time effectually the Landing at the Kitty Vitty, from the firſt Hill the Enemy fired upon our Poſts.

On the 15th, juſt before Day-break, I ordered Captain M'Donell's Corps of Light Infantry, and the Provincial Light Infantry, ſupported by our advanced Poſts, to march to ſurpriſe the Enemy on this Hill. Captain M'Donell paſſed their Sentries, and advanced Guards, and was firſt diſcovered by their main Body on the Hill, as he came climbing up the Rocks near the Summit, which he gained, receiving the Enemy's Fire. He threw in his Fire, and the Enemy gave Way.

Captain M'Donell was wounded; Lieutenant Schuyler of his Company killed, with 3 or 4 Men; and 18 wounded.

The Enemy had three Companies of Grenadiers and two Picquets at this Poſt, commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Belcombe, ſecond in Command, who was wounded; a Captain of Grenadiers wounded, and taken Priſoner; his Lieutenant killed, ſeveral Men killed and wounded, and 13 taken Priſoners.

The Enemy had one Mortar here, with which they threw ſome Shells at us in the Night; a Six Pounder not mounted, and two Wall Pieces.

This Hill, with one adjoining, commands the Harbour.

The 16th, we advanced to the Hill, nearer St. John's which the Enemy had quitted. Twenty nine Shallops came in To-day with Artillery and Stores, Proviſion and Camp Equipage, from Torbay, which we unloaded. I moved the Remainder of the Troops forward, leaving a Poſt to guard the Paſs of Kitty Vitty, on the other Side. Laſt Night the Enemy's Fleet got out of the Harbour. This Night we lay on our Arms.

The 17th, a Mortar Battery was compleated, and a Battery begun, for 4 Twenty-four Pounders and 2 Twelve Pounders: About 500 Yards from the Fort, made the Road from the Landing for the Artillery, and at Night opened the Mortar Battery, with one Eight Inch Mortar, ſeven Cohorns, and ſix Royals. The Enemy fired pretty briſkly from the Fort, and threw ſome Shells.

The 18th in the Morning, I received a Letter from Count d'Hauſſonville, of which I do myſelf the Honour to incloſe your Lordſhip a Copy, as alſo of my Anſwer; with Copies of other Letters that paſſed, and of the Capitulation.

As Lord Colville, at this Time, was ſome Diſtance off the Coaſt, and the Wind not permitting his Lordſhip to ſtand in, to honour me with his Concurrence in the Terms to be given to the Garriſon, I thought no Time ſhould be loſt in ſo advanced a Seaſon, and therefore took upon me to determine it, hoping to meet with his Lordſhip's Approbation; and he has given me the greateſt Pleaſure, by entirely approving of every Thing I have done.

I muſt beg Leave to ſay, my Lord, that every Aſſiſtance we could poſſibly deſire from the Fleet has been given us. Lord Colvill, upon the ſhort Notice he had of our joining him, having laboured to get together all the Shallops he could, and with which we were ſo amply ſupplied, was a Meaſure of eſſential Service; and without which our Operations muſt have been conſiderably retarded.

The indefatigable Labour and perſevering Ardour of the Troops I have the Honour to command, ſo neceſſary towards compleating the Conqueſt, before the bad Seaſon ſet in did indeed exceed what I could have expected. Lieutenant Colonel Tullikin ſeconded me in every Thing as I could wiſh.

Captain M'Donell, of Colonel Frazer's Regiment, having Sir Jeffery Amherſt's Leave to go to England, was to have delivered this to your Lordſhip; but his Leg is broken by the Wound he received, which keeps him here. May I humbly preſume, my Lord, to recommend this Gentleman to your Lordſhip's Protection, as a real brave and good Officer.

Lord Colvill intends ſending His Majeſty's Ship Syren immediately to England. I ſend Captain Campbell, of the 22d Regiment, with theſe Diſpatches, who will inform your Lordſhip of any Particulars you may deſire to know.

I do myſelf the Honour to tranſmit to your Lordſhip ſuch Returns as I can poſſibly get in Time, to ſhew the true State of the French Troops and Garriſon here. I am, with the moſt profound Reſpect, My Lord,

Your Lordſhip's moſt humble,
And moſt obedient Servant,
Wm. Amherſt.

CAptain Campbell has brought with him the French Colours which were hoiſted on the Fort of St. John's.

Camp before St. John's, September 16, 1762.

SIR,

HUmanity directs me to acquaint you of my firm Intentions.

I know the miſerable State your Garriſon is left in, and am fully informed of your Deſign of blowing up the Fort on quitting it; but have a Care, for I have taken Meaſures effectually to cut off your Retreat: And ſo ſure as a Match is put to the Train, every Man of the Garriſon ſhall be put to the Sword.

I muſt have immediate Poſſeſſion of the Fort, in the State it now is, or expect the Conſequences.

I give you Half an Hour to think of it.

I have the Honour to be,

Sir,

Your moſt obedient humble Servant,

To the Officer Commanding in St. John's. *Wm. Amherſt.*

Tranſlation of a Letter from the Count de d'Hauſſonville to Lieutenant Colonel Amherſt. Dated at St. John's, September 16, 1762.

WITH Regard to the Conduct that I ſhall hold, you may, Sir, be miſinformed. I wait for your Troops and your Cannon; and nothing ſhall determine me to ſurrender the Fort, unleſs you ſhall have totally deſtroyed it, and that I ſhall have no more Powder to fire.

I have the Honour to be,
Sir,
Your moſt humble, and moſt obedient Servant,
The Count d'Hauſſonville.

Count d'Hauſſonville to Lieutenant Colonel Amherſt.

SIR,

UNDER the Uncertainty of the Succours which I may receive either from France or its Allies, and the Fort being entire, and in a Condition for a long Defence, I am reſolved to defend myſelf to the laſt Extremity. The Capitulation which you may think proper to grant me, will determine me to ſurrender the Place to you, in order to prevent the Effuſion of Blood of the Men who defend it.

Whatever Reſolution you come to, there is one left to me, which would hurt the Intereſts of the Sovereign you ſerve.

I have the Honour to be,
Sir
Your moſt obedient humble Servant,

Fort St. John, Sept. 17, 1762. *Le Comte d'Hauſſonville.*

N. B. This Date ſhould be the 18th.

Camp before St. John's, September 18, 1762.

SIR,

I HAVE juſt had the Honour of your Letter.

His Britannick Majeſty's Fleet and Army co-operating here, will not give any other Terms to the Garriſon of St. John's, than their ſurrendering Priſoners of War.

I don't thirſt after the Blood of the Garriſon; but you muſt determine quickly, or expect the Conſequences; for this is my final Determination.

I am, Sir,
Your moſt obedient humble Servant,

To Count d'Hauſſonville. *Wm. Amherſt.*

Copy of a Letter from the Count d'Hauſſonville to Colonel Amherſt. Dated at St. John's, Sept. 18, 1762.

I HAVE received, Sir, your Letter, which you did me the Honour to write to me.

I am as averſe as you to the Effuſion of Blood. I conſent to ſurrender the Fort in a good Condition, as I have already acquainted you, if the Demands, which I encloſe herewith, are granted to my Troops.

I have the Honour to be,
Sir,
Your moſt humble, and moſt obedient Servant,
Le Comte d'Hauſſonville.

Articles of Capitulation.

Demands of the Garriſon of St. John, and, in general, of the Troops that are in it.

The French Troops ſhall ſurrender Priſoners of War.

Agreed to.

The Officers and Subaltern Officers ſhall keep their Arms, to preſerve good Order among their Troops.

Agreed to.

Good Ships ſhall be granted to carry the Officers, Grenadiers, and private Men, either wounded or not, to France, in the Space of one Month, on the Coaſt of Brittany.

Agreed to. Lord Colvill will, of Courſe, embark them as ſoon as he poſſibly can.

The Goods and Effects of both the Officers and Soldiers ſhall be preſerved.

His Britannick Majeſty's Troops never pillage.

The Gate will be taken Poſſeſſion of this Afternoon,

noon, and the Garriſon will lay down their Arms.

This is to be ſigned by Lord Colvill, but it will remain at preſent, as afterwards, in full Force.

(Signed) *Wm. Amherſt.*
Le Comte d'Hauſſonville.

Camp before St. John's, September 18, 1762.

Total of the French Troops made Priſoners in St. John's Fort.

1 Colonel, 1 Lieutenant-Golonel, 13 Captains, 13 Lieutenants, 4 Enſigns, 27 Serjeants, 45 Corporals, 40 Sub Corporals, 12 Drummers, 533 Fuzileers.

Staff Officers.

M. le Comte d'Hauſſonville, Colonel.
M. de Bellecombe, Lieutenant-Colonel.
M. de Mongou, Major and Adjutant.
M. Seire, Engineer.
Henry, Surgeon Major.
Michel, Chaplain.

Return of the Killed, Wounded, and Miſſing, of the Troops under the Command of Lieutenant-Colonel Amherſt, from the 13th of September, incluſive.

Capt. Maxwell's Light Infantry. 3 Rank and File, *killed.* 10 R. and F *wounded.*

Capt. M'Donell's Light Infantry. 1 Lieutenant, 1 Serjeant, 5 R. and F. *killed.* 1 Captain, 15 R. and F. *wounded.*

Capt. Barron's Provincial Light Infantry. 1 R. and F. *killed.* 3 R. and F. *wounded.*

Firſt Battalion. 2 Captains, 1 Serjeant, 1 Drummer, 3 R. and F. *wounded.*

Second Battalion. 1 R. and F. *killed.* 1 R. and F. *wounded.*

Provincial Battalion. 1 R. and F. *killed.*

Total, 1 Lieutenant, 11 R. and F. *killed.* 3 Captains, 2 Serjeants, 1 Drummer, 32 R. and F. *wounded.*

Names of the Officers.

Lieut. Schyler, of Royal Americans, *killed.*
Capt. M'Donell, of Frazer's, } *wounded.*
Capt. Bailie, of the Royal, }
Capt. M'Kenzie, of Montgomery's, }

Wm. Amherſt, Lieutenant-Colonel.

St. John's, Sept. 20, 1762.

Copy of a Letter from Lord Colvill, Commander in Chief of His Majeſty's Ships in North America, to Mr. Clevland. Dated on board the Northumberland in St. John's Harbour Newfoundland, Sept. 20, 1762.

SIR,

I HAD the Honour of ſending you an Account of my Proceedings until the 18th of Auguſt, by a Veſſel which ſailed from Placentia for England at that Time; and on the 22d I ſailed with His Majeſty's Ships the Northumberland, Antelope, Goſport, and Syren, and the King George, belonging to the Province of Maſſachuſett's Bay. On the 25th we chaſed a Schooner off St. John's, and took her cloſe to the Harbour's Mouth. She had been an Engliſh Privateer, taken by the Enemy, had eight Carriage Guns mounted, and was manned with 30 French Men, commanded by an Enſign de Vaiſſeau.

The Enemy had ſent away great Part of the Inhabitants of St. John's, Men, Women, and Children, by giving them Veſſels and Proviſions to carry them where they pleaſed; two of theſe, a Sloop and a Schooner, we met with on the Coaſt, and took twenty-three Iriſhmen that were ſingle Men out of them, to replace in Part the Marines of the Squadron that were left in Garriſon at Placentia and the Iſle of Boys. Theſe Iriſhmen ſaid, that if I would go into the Bay of Bulls, Numbers of their Countrymen would reſort to me and enter on Board the Squadron; but during two Days which I ſtaid in that Bay, not a Man joined me. The few Inhabitants that remained there, quietly followed their Buſineſs of Fiſhing, and 'tis poſſible the Enemy prevented any others at St. John's from coming.

Mr. Garland and Mr. Davis, two of the principal Inhabitants of Harbour Grace and Carbonera, in Conception Bay, having acquainted me, that a Number of Men in their Neighbourhood were willing to ſerve in the Squadron during the preſent Exigency, I ſent the Armed Schooner for them; and ſhe returned with Fifty Men, which I have diſtributed among the Ships. And the ſame Gentlemen repreſenting, that the Enemy ſometimes ſends ſmall Parties by Land to Portugal Cove, which have threatned to moleſt them in Shallops from that Place, deſired, in Behalf of themſelves and all their Neighbours, that the Schooner might be ſtationed in Conception Bay, for their Protection and Defence, which Requeſt I complied with.

The Iſland of Carbonera, in Conception Bay, has had no other Garriſon for many Years but a few old Men of the Artillery, to take Care of the Guns and Ordnance Stores. Had ſome of the Inhabitants of the adjacent Coaſt taken Poſt here, they might eaſily have defended it againſt any Force, as the Iſland is inacceſſible on all Sides, except one narrow Landing Place, and no ſafe Road in the Neighbourhood for great Ships; but the Enemy landed in Boats, and deſtroyed the Whole without Reſiſtance. And the Iſle of Boys near Ferryland, would probably have ſhared the ſame Fate, had it not been poſſeſſed in due Time by the Syren's Marines.

In frequently paſſing the Harbour's Mouth of St. John's, we could plainly ſee that the Fort, which fronts the Entrance, was fortified all round with new Works; and that a Redoubt, or ſomething like one, was raiſed at the Little Harbour of Kitty Vitty. The Old Battery at the South Side of the Harbour's Mouth was repaired with additional Works, and a new One erected on the ſame Side nearer the Entrance. All theſe were to be ſeen from the Sea; and I could not learn that the Enemy intended any Thing more than the Finiſhing theſe Works.

On the 8th of September I received, by a Sloop expreſs from Halifax, Letters from Sir Jeffery Amherſt at New York, acquainting me, that he had come to a Reſolution to ſend a Body of Troops, in order to diſlodge the Enemy as ſoon as poſſible from St. John's; and that Lieutenant Colonel Amherſt was to command theſe Troops. The ſame Conveyance brought me Letters from Colonel Amherſt, acquainting me with his Arrival at Halifax on the 26th of Auguſt, his Departure from thence on the 1ſt of September, and with his Intention to call at Louiſbourg for the Troops there, and then proceed round Cape Race, to join me on this Coaſt. Upon Receipt of theſe Letters, I ſent the Sloop which brought them to look out for Colonel Amherſt and the Tranſports off Cape Race; and in order to join them the ſooner, to concert Meaſures for the enſuing Operations, before the Enemy could have Notice of their Arrival, I dropped down with the Squadron to Cape Broyle; but Mr. Gill of St John's, who had been ſent out of the Town in a Cartel Schooner two Days before, ſending off Advice from Ferryland, that he was ſure the Enemy intended to ſail in a very little Time, I returned with the Squadron to our Station off St. John's.

On the 11th we were joined by Colonel Amherſt, with the Troops in Ten Tranſport Veſſels; and I propoſed Torbay as the propereſt Place to land at: It is to the Northward of St. John's, about ſeven Miles by Land, and the Roads pretty good, but the Bay is not reckoned ſafe Anchorage, being open to the Eaſterly Winds, which uſually begin to prevail at this Seaſon. By one of the Tranſports from New York I received a Duplicate, the Original not yet come to Hand, of their Lordſhips Order of the 7th of June, directing me to repair myſelf, or ſend a ſufficient Force, to enable Captain Graves of the Antelope, to defeat the Deſigns of the Squadron commanded by M. de Ternay.

On the 12th we proceed to Torbay. I ſent Capt. Douglas in the Syren to anchor with the Tranſports, accompanied by the Boats of the Squadron, and a Number of Shallops, or Fiſhing Boats, which